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TWO?**

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TERRY CURRAN, for so long the idol of the Sheffield Wednesday faithful, will be playing for arch rivals Sheffield United when the new season kicks off in two weeks time.

It's a move that has spurred a mixture of anger, disappointment and delight in the football-mad city of Sheffield as the Wednesday fans mourn their loss and the United supporters welcome their new arrival. 'Match' brings you Terry Curran's own story . . .

Right: Former Wednesday idol Terry Curran in the red and white of arch-rivals Sheffield United.



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SPOTLIGHT on the soccer hot-bed of Sheffield.
'Match' talks to the former Everton skipper who signed for Sheffield Wednesday.

And we get the inside story from the current Wednesday idol who may be on his way from Hillsborough . . . to join city rivals Sheffield United!

TERRY WAITS FOR AN OFFER

SHEFFIELD Wednesday idol Terry Curran admits: "Leaving Hillsborough would be the toughest decision of my life."

His contract at Wednesday expires at the end of this month and he says: "It's up to the club to make me an offer. I'm not

Southampton and loan spells at Bury and Derby.

"I've talked to one or two clubs and I'm just hoping that their interest will prompt Wednesday to put in an offer which will secure me."

"I feel I've done quite well at Sheffield Wednesday and I believe the club are pleased with

the fans are for success when you look at United's attendances last season. They averaged 15,000 when they were playing the Wiganians and Peterboroush's of this world.

"The potential is there for a successful team in Sheffield." Wednesday just missed out on promotion to the First Division

early last season when he was dropped for a game against Blackburn and missed the next six matches.

He explains: "Jack wanted me to mark Noel Brosteron, but I didn't want to do the job. I asked the manager to leave me out of the side."

"It was a decision I had to take.

Flashback to just four weeks ago. Terry told 'Match' that leaving Wednesday would be the toughest decision of his life.

I thought leaving Sheffield Wednesday would be the toughest decision of my life. In the end, it was easy.

I was disillusioned with life at Hillsborough and had made up my mind to leave the club half-way through last season.

Apart from saying goodbye to the tremendous Wednesday fans, I'm not sad to go. I wasn't enjoying my football there. When you're not happy playing, it's difficult to give your best and that doesn't help the team.

I didn't like being tied down. I was asked to play a much deeper role than I wanted to.

The trouble came to a head when manager Jack Charlton

move to Bramall Lane because United are my kind of team. They like to go forward and play exciting football.

Last season, on their way to the Fourth Division Championship, they scored 94 goals — more than any team in the Football League. That's the sort of team I want to play for.

The club are ambitious and I believe I can help them regain their rightful place in the First Division. I'm really looking forward to that challenge.

It was a tragedy when the club got relegated to the Fourth Division but the manager and chairman have really got things buzzing again and I can see us going places.

I don't have any fears about

Third Division Championship medal next season as play for a middle of the table team in the top flight.

I'm glad I didn't have to move out of Sheffield because I love the place. It's football-draft. But I'd have left the city just to get away from Wednesday.

Obviously the move is going to anger the Wednesday fans and I'm sorry about that because I got on really well with them, but I'm a professional and I've got to think of my own future.

It's up to me now to play well and get the Bramall Lane supporters behind me. I'm looking forward to doing that.

There has been a lot of talk about ill-feeling between myself and Wednesday manager Jack Charlton. Well, there's none on my part.

I like the bloke. He's a very good manager and did a lot for me while I was at the club.

Of course we had our run-ins and disagreements, but I still respect the man. He's the best manager I've played under.

Now I'm just concentrating on getting to know my new team-mates in readiness for the season. I can't wait for the campaign to kick off because I'm sure it will spell success for Sheffield United.

WEDNESDAY WAS EASY

says TERRY CURRAN

asked me to do a marking job on Blackburn's Noel Brosteron. I didn't want to, so I asked him to leave me out of the team.

Obviously I see the need for players to defend, but I believe that a good striker should be sharp and alert to his attacking duties and not have to worry about dropping back.

So, when my contract expired I spoke to Sheffield United manager Ian Porterfield and he seemed keen to sign me.

I'm delighted about the

dropping down into the Third Division. I've joined a big-time club and that's important to me.

I had a couple of offers from First Division clubs. In fact, on the day the FA tribunal fixed my fee at £100,000, I was approached by a club from the top flight.

But I'd committed myself to Sheffield United so I said no. Anyway, I'd only join one of the top five clubs in the First Division. There are only five that chase the honours every year. All the others just want to survive.

I might as well pick up a

Right: The move that divided the soccer-mad city of Sheffield. United manager Ian Porterfield looks delighted as Terry Curran signs for the Third Division team. The two clubs couldn't agree on a price so the £100,000 deal was decided by an FA tribunal.



Double cream

TWO of the lower divisions' top strikers get the chance to gun down their former clubs in the First Round of the Milk Cup, the new name for the Football League Cup.

Sheffield United's Keith Edwards, the League's top marksman last season with 36 goals, comes up against Hull City who re-sold him to United last September for £90,000.

And Brentford's new £40,000 striker Francis Joseph has an early return to Fourth Division Wimbledon for whom he was top scorer last season.

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● First legs to be played between August 30 and September 1, with the second legs between September 13 and 15.

MORLEY'S MISSION

ENGLAND and Aston Villa winger Tony Morley is helping youngsters in his home town of Ormskirk to get their own play area.

On a visit to his parents in the Lancashire town, Tony added his name to a petition which is being sent to the county council pleading for a small portion of a nearby field to be allocated as a recreation area.

In the same avenue where he first started to kick a ball around, Tony found another pint-sized hopeful in four-year-old Robert Cunliffe.



Bolton signing

★ NEW Bolton player-manager John McGovern completed his fourth summer transaction by signing experienced Orient striker Ian Moores.
★ The former Stoke and Tottenham forward was given a free transfer by the London side who were relegated to the Third Division last season.

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Three's company

THREE of Ipswich Town's FA Cup winning team will be in action for Fourth Division Colchester next season.

New player-manager Allan Hunter (right) and midfield player Roger Osborne (centre) have been joined at Layer Road by former England defender Kevin Beattie.

Kevin was advised to quit top grade soccer last season because of the constant knee problems that have dogged his career.

So he has now decided to link up

again with former Northern Ireland international Allan Hunter. They formed Ipswich's central defensive partnership in the FA Cup Final victory over Arsenal.

And the only goal that day came from Roger Osborne who joined Colchester two seasons ago from Portman Road.

The Ipswich connection is completed by new coach Cyril Lea. He was Town's coach for that Wembley Final.



FIRE-D-UP FRANK

Stapleton's gunning for goals

STRIKER Frank Stapleton is gunning to fire Manchester United to the Championship this season.

The former Arsenal favourite is keen to make a fresh start at Old Trafford after what he describes as a "disappointing first season with the club."

Says Frank: "I have to be disappointed with my first season at the club, both from a personal and a team point of view."

"I began as if the 20-goal target I'd set myself would be no trouble at all. But gradually my form fell away, and the goals dried up."

"And no matter what else I might do, at the end of the day, I'll be judged on my goals tally."

The Eire international finished as United's leading scorer with 13 goals.

"But now I can put all that behind me and start again," says Frank.

"Earning a place in Europe was one consolation. But it's the Championship we're after, and I'm hoping the lessons we learned last term will stand us in good stead this time."

Right: Frank Stapleton — eager to make up for a "disappointing" first season with Manchester United.



EDDIE'S PLEDGE

"I'M determined to make Leeds UNITED, not only in name, but also once again in deed."

That's the pledge of new manager Eddie Gray.

"For one reason or another, that wasn't the case last term," he says.

"I intend to change that. From the youngsters right up to the senior players. I want them all to be one big happy family again. Achieve that, and I'm convinced we'll be well on our way back again."

He has already achieved two notable successes in persuading long-serving Trevor Cherry and Welsh international Brian Flynn to come off the transfer list.

Flying Eagles

THE Falcon Leisure Group have saved the year for the two young 'Eastleigh Eagles' football teams from Southampton.

It looked as though their dream trip to Florida was over when Laker Airways collapsed.

But Falcon came to their rescue when they offered to underwrite the £6,500 the team lost and arranged to fly the whole group out to America.

■ THIRD Division Oxford have boosted their squad by signing 27-year-old Wrexham striker Mick Vinter, the former Notts County player, in a £30,000 deal. He made 70 Second Division appearances for the Welsh club.

Attack, says Barnes

LEEDS and England winger Peter Barnes hopes the attacking lessons handed out in Spain by the likes of Brazil, Italy and France will be followed through by new England manager Bobby Robson.

If that happens, then it would mean the rekindling of Peter's own international aspirations.

"I thought England did well," says Peter, "but with a little more adventure, we could have done even better."

"In the past, we've tended to sacrifice individuals for team performers. But in my particular department, the likes of Conti, Eder and Littbarski all showed what wingers can do, given the chance."

"I might have a more permanent role to play in the national side, if we decide to follow suit."

NO LUCK IN THE DRAW

BOTH Swansea and Aberdeen will be in European Cup Winners' Cup action before playing any League matches.

They were drawn out in the two preliminary round games which have to be completed by early next month.

Welsh Cup winners Swansea entertain Portugal's Braga at the Vetch Field next Tuesday, with the return leg the following Wednesday, August 25.

Scottish Cup holders Aberdeen are also at home in the first leg, facing Swiss representatives FC Sion next Wednesday with the return match on September 1.

Meanwhile, Tottenham have switched their first leg venue against Northern Ireland Cup winners Coleraine.

They will play the first leg in Ireland on September 15 with the return at White Hart Lane 13 days later.

'I can make the jump,' says Jones

FULL-back Joey Jones is confident his decision to turn down the chance of Second Division football with Chelsea won't harm his international chances with Wales.

The former Liverpool player faces life in the Third Division this season with relegated Wrexham, but he hopes Wales manager Mike England will keep faith with him.

"I know it will be a big jump from the Third Division to internationals, but I believe I'm experienced enough to make the transition," says Joey, who rejected the chance to link-up

with former Wrexham manager John Neal at Stamford Bridge.

"Mike England is well aware of what I can do and he knows I won't let him down."

"My contract with Wrexham is up at the end of this season and I hope I will then be in a position to move to a higher division."

"I shall only be 28 so I'll still be capable of playing in a higher grade."

"I shall get my head down and battle in the Third Division. I have always given 100 per cent and I shall continue to do so."

Ron's return

FORMER Coventry assistant manager Ron Wylie has returned from Hong Kong to manage West Brom.

"I have come here because it's one of the top six jobs in the country," says the 48-year-old who has been in charge of Hong Kong club Bulova.

And chairman Bert Millichip has made it plain that there will be no interference from former manager Ronnie Allen who is now in charge of administration.

Earlier in the week Notts County assistant manager Howard Wilkinson had rejected the Albion job.

"Albion made me a tremendous offer, but manager Jimmy Sirrel and I have a unique relationship," he explains.

"We have made progress at Notts County and I am reluctant to leave the club at this time."

Spur of the moment

NEW BOY GARY LOOKS FOR EARLY FIRST TEAM CHANCE

NEW Tottenham starlet Gary Mabbutt is refusing to allow the problem of being a diabetic stand in his way of fulfilling his ambition of playing for England.

The 20-year-old former Bristol Rovers utility player has lived with the condition for two years, during which time he has had to inject himself twice daily with insulin.

But his £125,000 transfer to the FA Cup holders has proved he has conquered the complaint that at one time threatened to wreck a highly promising career.

Not that the England Under 21 international had any real doubts about his fitness or ability to play in the First Division.

Concerned

"Obviously I was concerned when the problem was discovered about two years ago, but I was assured by a specialist that it would have no effect on my career," explains Gary.

"Tottenham naturally had to make certain before spending that kind of money on me, but I had no doubts about my fitness."

"I have missed only one match in two seasons for Bristol Rovers, and that was last season when I was on duty for England Under-21s in Poland."

"In fact, I'm probably fitter than I

would be normally because I have to maintain a stabilised diet, so I'm not stuffing myself with chocolate all the time."

Now Gary, who celebrates his 21st birthday five days before the new season kicks off, faces another big challenge in seeking a role in Tottenham's first team.

He realises that he might have had more immediate hopes of First Division football had he signed for Birmingham, but he feels his long-term career prospects are greater with one of the biggest clubs in the country.

"I was very impressed with the set-up at Birmingham and with manager Ron Saunders, but I came to the conclusion that Tottenham would be better for my own personal career," says Gary, whose older brother Kevin arrived in London last season, joining Crystal Palace from Bristol City.

"I know I'm not guaranteed a first team place at Tottenham, but that's a challenge every young player faces when he moves to a big club."

"Looking at the quality of the players throughout the ranks at Tottenham, I know I face a big test to force my way into the First Division."

"It's a matter of working hard, brushing up on some aspects of my game and trying to get into the first team as soon as possible."

"But I'm like every young player who is ambitious. I believe I can do it, and I hope I can make the



Ready for the challenge is Tottenham's new signing Gary Mabbutt.

breakthrough some time this season.

After establishing myself in the First Division, I want to set my sights on playing for England at senior level. That's got to be the ambition of every young player."

"Joining Tottenham is the break I wanted. I didn't sign a new contract with Rovers at the end of the season in the hope that a big club would come in."

"If Birmingham or Tottenham hadn't come in, then I would have obviously played another season in the Third Division with Rovers."

Judging by his utility role at Rovers, every player at Tottenham, bar goalkeeper Ray Clemence, is in danger of losing his place to Gary.

"I've played in every position but goalkeeper for Rovers. I seemed to spend one third of the season in defence, another third in midfield and the other third in attack," he

explains.

"I have no real preference so long as I am in the first team, and I suppose being able to play virtually anywhere is valuable to a club."

"Look at Brazilian full back Junior. He seemed to be just at home on the right wing as at left back."

"I think I did a fairish job for Rovers in the Second and Third Divisions in that utility role."

"Whether I can do a fairish job for Tottenham in the First Division is another matter. I suppose that only time will tell."

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Trevor Francis becomes the first £1 million pound Englishman when transferred from Birmingham to Nottingham Forest.

ITALY-bound 'triple millionaire' Trevor Francis could be back with Manchester City after his two-year lire-laden lifestyle with Genoa-based club Sampdoria.

The 28-year-old England striker hasn't ruled out that strange possibility even though he reluctantly accepted the new challenge to help balance City's books.

As he prepared for the biggest test of his unique hat-trick of £1 million moves, the former Birmingham and Nottingham Forest star declared:

"I hope that City do put their financial house in order because I might want to rejoin them."

"I would love to play in England again, some time after my two-year contract in Italy."

"And why not with City or Manchester United?"

He will be on offer at less than half his current valuation in two years' time which would make him an attractive proposition for the Manchester giants.

And they would be favourites to bring back the talented striker into the First Division with Francis deciding to keep his luxury home in Cheshire.

"I have an agreement with the Italian club that they won't ask more than around £450,000 for me and it could be considerably less than that," he explains.

"That should be in line with the reduction of transfer fees, as I firmly believe I am the last of the £1 million men as far as English football is concerned."

But Trevor, who teams up with former Arsenal star Liam Brady, has made it clear that he wanted to remain at City.

"I didn't want to leave Manchester City and I shouldn't have had to," he says.

"I know that City could have sold two players whose bids would have covered



SEPTEMBER 1981

Trevor makes his second £1 million move, from Forest to Manchester City.



AUGUST 1982

Trevor joins Italian club Sampdoria to complete a £1 million hat-trick.

TREVOR . . . THE TRIPLE MILLIONAIRE

'I WILL RETURN' SAYS ITALY-BOUND FRANCIS

what they've been forced to accept for me.

"But both times the block was put on the transfers and now the club have paid the full price by having to sell me.

"If we could have the dream of winning the League Championship, I wouldn't have left City for anything.

"A Championship medal and a place in the European Cup would have kept me, even if City had wanted to sell me.

"We were top of the table at Christmas, but within a few weeks everything was in tatters. Players like Martin O'Neill and Gerry Gow were hurriedly sold and Tommy Hutchison and Phil Boyer loaned out."

But Trevor scoffs at the suggestions that he won't survive Italy's rugged man-to-man marking system.

"The tackling is supposed to be of the cynical variety, and the doubters will have a

field day when they quote my injury record," he says.

"But I must be some kind of a rare handicapped player to be involved in three £1 million deals where clubs have been confident enough to invest so much money in me."

The signing of Trevor along with Brady from Champions Juventus is a sign of Sampdoria's ambitions after winning the Second Division title last season.

It's possible that the man who secured Trevor's move may not even watch him play except on television.

Sampdoria's president is Paolo Mantovani, a multi-millionaire shipping and petroleum tycoon who operates out of Switzerland.

He has not been seen in the Italian resort of Genoa since a heart operation in America nine months ago.

Since then he has set up home in Geneva with alternative accommodation in

Monte Carlo.

Sampdoria are comparative newcomers, having been formed in 1946 from a merger of a small local team and another from the industrialised district of Sampierdarena.

Republic of Ireland international Brady was signed from Juventus two months ago after losing his place in the champions' squad to France skipper Michel Platini.

Apart from his two British imports, Mantovani has also forked out a cool £1 1/4 million on 18-year-old striker Mancini from Bologna, who is rated as one of Italy's brightest prospects.

THE Steve Coppell column has been held over until next week as the England star is abroad on holiday recovering from a cartilage operation.

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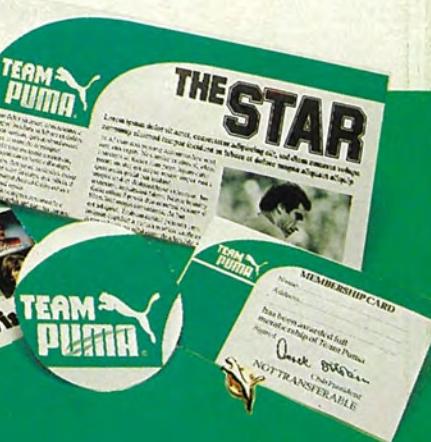
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ALAN KENNEDY

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European Cup Final, Paris, France, May 27th, 1981

THE sight of the ball hitting the back of the net to take the European Cup back to Anfield was the greatest moment of Alan Kennedy's football career.

The game was 83 minutes old and the scoreline 0-0 when full-back Alan collected the ball from a throw in and found himself in space.

"The chance presented itself when a Real defender mis-kicked and I just kept running before slamming the ball past goalkeeper Augustin.

"It was the greatest moment I've had in football when I saw the ball hit the back of the net.

"I've been on the winning side in the League Championship race, League Cup and Charity Shield, but nothing can compare with winning the European Cup."

Alan, nicknamed 'Barney' by Anfield's 'Kop' after the Flintstones cartoon character, scored two cup final goals for Liverpool that season.

The other one came in the League Cup Final at Wembley against West Ham.

But even that didn't guarantee him a first team place at the start of the next season — the arrival of Mark Lawrenson relegated the former Newcastle defender to the sidelines at Anfield.



500,000 FANS TURNED OUT TO WELCOME LIVERPOOL HOME AS THE OPEN-TOPPED BUS TOOK A 17 MILE TOUR OF THE CITY.

WOLVES goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw believes the players can ride the pressure of the club's cash crisis to bounce straight back into the First Division.

Although relieved that the cloud of insecurity has been blown away from Molineux for the time being at least, Paul realises that the onus is now on the players to produce the goods on the field.

"If we can get off to a good start and stay in touch at the top, then we'll get the crowds back to Molineux," says Paul, who was ever-present in last season's relegation disappointment.

"I'm sure we have the potential in the squad to get straight back into the First Division, although it won't be easy."

"Getting out of the Second Division is one of the hardest tests in the League because there are often as many as ten teams capable of doing it, but it's important for the club that we get First Division football back to Molineux as quickly as possible."

"And I see no reason why we shouldn't do it next season providing we can keep the present squad together."

"Some of the young players, like defenders Bob Coy, John Pender, John Humphrey and Mike Hollifield did well last season, and Wayne Clarke began to fulfil his promise towards the end of the term."

"But it's also going to depend on whether the manager can keep all the players or whether he can get any new blood to boost the strength of the squad."

"The fans deserve something better this season after two terrible years."

"It's hard to imagine that two years ago we won the League Cup at Wembley and finished sixth in the First Division."

"We were close then to having a really good side but, since then, it has all been downhill, culminating in the dire position the club found itself in this summer."

"I suppose it acts as a big warning to other clubs."

Although it has been a worrying few months for all the Wolves staff, Paul remained optimistic that the famous club wouldn't be allowed to fade away and die.

"I spent most of the summer in Manchester and so I was away from the town. The only news I heard came from the newspapers and there were always different stories," says Paul, who joined Wolves from Blackburn just a few months after the club bounced straight back to Division One in 1977.

"I knew there were problems at Wolves, but I didn't realise how bad they

REVIVED WOLVES SCENT PROMOTION

THE future of Wolverhampton Wanderers has been secured for the time being by a £2.5 million takeover inspired by former Molineux idol Derek Dougan.

Here, goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw recalls the months of worry and insecurity and the pressure the young squad now faces in the Second Division.

were until I went down to the club to meet the Official Receiver.

"I knew the Wolves had financial problems. Last season there were drastic economy measures at the club. Players had to buy their own boots, the club stopped paying for dental care and personal telephone calls from the ground were banned.

"The warning signs were obviously there, but we didn't expect the disaster to come so quickly."

"The atmosphere that day in the boardroom when we met the Receiver was almost like a graveyard."

"But I always remained optimistic that someone would save the club. I just couldn't see a famous club like Wolves being allowed to fold."

"But it was with some relief that we heard the news of the takeover. The week leading up to the deadline was hard for the players as we tried to concentrate on pre-season training."

"The players generally kept their thoughts to themselves but we all wondered whether we would have a job by the end of the week."

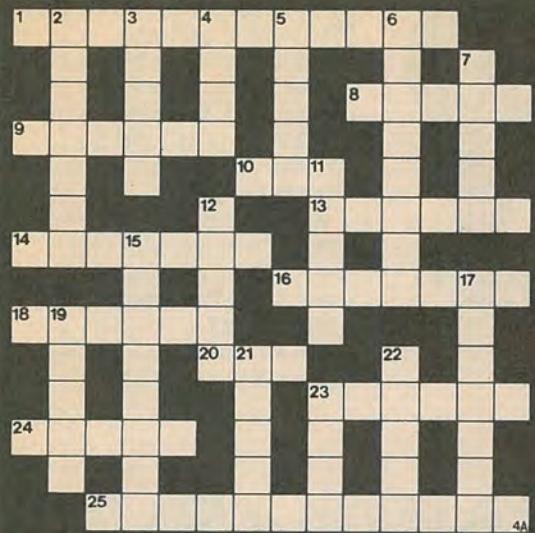
"All through the summer, there was talk about clubs being interested in me, but I really wanted to stay at Wolves because I've had five fantastic years here."

"After news of the takeover filtered through, there was a complete change of atmosphere within the squad."

"Now we are eagerly awaiting the opening of the season."



Goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw... believes Wolves can bounce straight back into Division One.



ACROSS

1. He was the Football League's top scorer last season (5,7)
2. Stainrod, for instance (5)
3. The nickname of the club for which 1 across netted just one goal last season (6)
4. & 21. down. Swindon Town's colours (3,5)
5. 'Admire!' (anagram) — this famous Brazilian was the top scorer in the 1950 World Cup finals (6)
6. Lourdes — is the home of 15 down (7)
7. He recently joined Luton from Peterborough (7)
8. One of BBC-TV's World Cup panellists (6)
9. See 3 down
10. The nickname of the club for which 1 across netted all but the first of his goals (and he scored that against them!) (6)
11. The goalkeeper isn't going for a swim when he does this! (5)
12. Belgian who was No. 12 in Match Weekly's recent series featuring international stars as the "Twelve Wonders of the World" (3,9)

SOCCEWORD

DOWN

2. 'Little O' (anagram) — well, actually, Shaun is a six-footer (7)
3. & 20 across. The score by which Poland beat France to take third place in the World Cup (5-3)
4. If you can see Steve Sherwood, can you spot Mel? (4)
5. He recently left Luton for Charlton (5)
6. Striker Kevin finds somewhere to skate in the middle of Southampton's pitch! (8)
7. 'Tonic' (anagram) — just the thing for one of Italy's World Cup heroes (5)
11. Steve has played in many positions for Plymouth, Hereford and Portsmouth (5)

12. Defender who played over 500 games for Everton and Oldham (5)
15. 'Ah, Dodger!' (anagram) can you identify this Irish club? (8)
17. Keith, who played for Sunderland, West Ham United and Darlington, sounds as if he had a part-time job! (7)
19. The Don before Ron (5)
21. See 10 across
22. Vic scored goals for many clubs — but mainly in the 1970s for Sunderland and Oldham (5)
23. — Nicholson, famous old Tottenham manager (4)

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Don't miss next week's 'Match' to discover the identity of our 'Mystery Star'.

The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: John McClelland (Rangers and Northern Ireland).

BLANKETY BLANK

FILL in the blanks to make sense of these soccer statements.

1 Newcastle snapped up full-back . . . on a free transfer from Middlesbrough in the close season.

2 . . . moved across Liverpool recently to join Everton.

3 Newly promoted Luton play at . . .

4 Sheffield United manager . . . scored the winning goal in the FA Cup Final for . . .

5 Scottish Premier Division side . . . are nicknamed 'The Dons' and won the . . . last season.

UNRAVEL the jumbled letters to find the contestants in our 'Match of the Week'.



GUESS THE GROUNDS

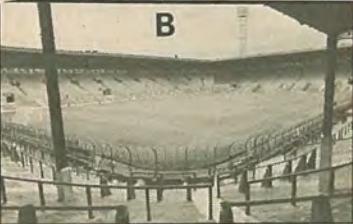
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BE A WINNER WITH

The name game

CAN you name these four young stars who look to have a bright First Division future ahead of them?



QUICK QUIZ

TEST your soccer knowledge with this 'Quick Quiz'.

- 1 From which club did Portsmouth buy midfielder Neil Webb in the close season?
- 2 Where did Sheffield United's much travelled striker Bob Hatton start his League career?
- 3 Name the two teams relegated from the Scottish Premier Division last season?
- 4 Which Second Division club did former Plymouth defender George Foster join in the close season?
- 5 Who was Luton's leading scorer in the League last season?
- 6 Which Scottish club play at Dens Park?
- 7 Who scored England's first goal in the World Cup Finals in Spain?
- 8 Where do Stockport County play?
- 9 Southampton made a double swoop on Oxford United last season. Which players did they buy?
- 10 From which Scottish club did Liverpool buy defender Steve Nicol last season?

SOLUTIONS

SOCCEWORD: Across: 1. Keith Edwards (36); 8. Simon; 9. Tigress (Hull); 10 & 21 down; 1st, red; 2nd, white; 13. Ademini; 14. Stadium; 15. Belieck; 18. Crosses; 20. See 3 down; 23. Blades (Sheffield Utd); 24. Divines; 25. Jan Ceulemans; Down: 2. Elliott; 3 & 20 across; 7. Cointe; 11. Bryn Robson; 8. Edgeley Park; 9. Keith Cassells and Patrick Tiptise; 12. Hurst; 15. Drogba; 17. Coleman; 19. Davey; 21. See 10 across; 22. Halm; 23. Billie Mark Wright; 10. Arif; 11. Old Trafford (Man. Utd); 13. Stamford Road (Coventry); 14. Eves (Biddin); 5. White; 6. Drinkell; 7. Dundee; 7. Abderdean; 8. Scottish FA Cup; 9. Keelin Sheldy; 5. Kewillworth Road; 4. Ian Pritchard; 3. Alder and Blankeyt BANK; 1. John Creaggs; 2. Keelin Sheldy; 3. Liverpool); D — Mike Hazard (Sports); 3. Scott McGarvey (Man. Utd); C — Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool); B — Peter Davenport (Forest); B — THE NAME GAME: A — Davy Some Park (Middlesexborough); C — Chelseea; D — Arsesome Park (Middlesbrough).

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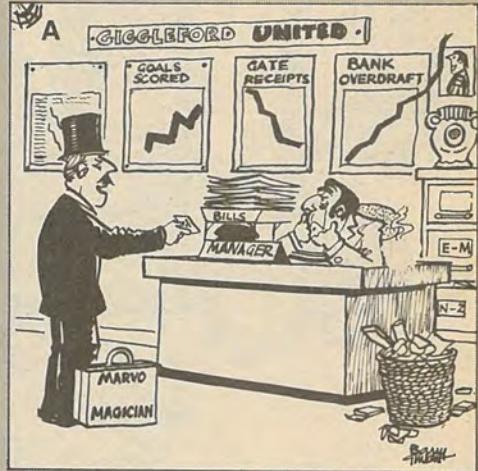
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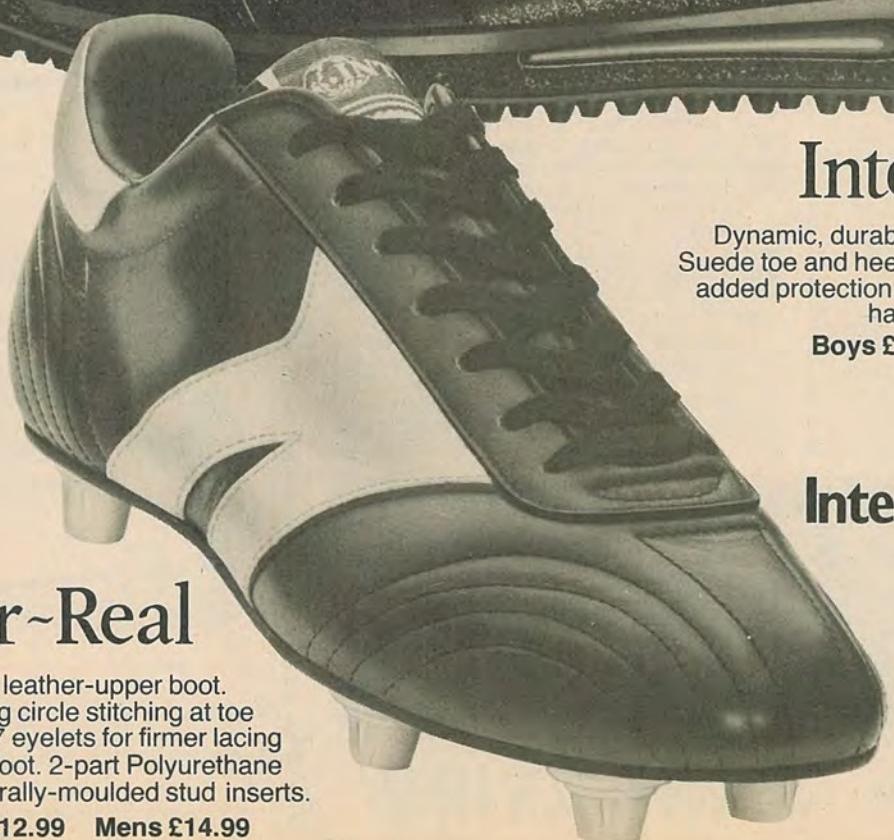
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'MATCH' turns the spotlight on football's aerial acrobats in this picture special . . .

Right: Power play! Crystal Palace skipper Jim Cannon (right) clears from Orient defender Colin Foster. Team-mate Paul Hinshelwood helps out.

Below: Just in time! Nottingham Forest's Justin Fashanu dodges team-mate Calvin Plummer (8) and Arsenal's Chris Whyte.

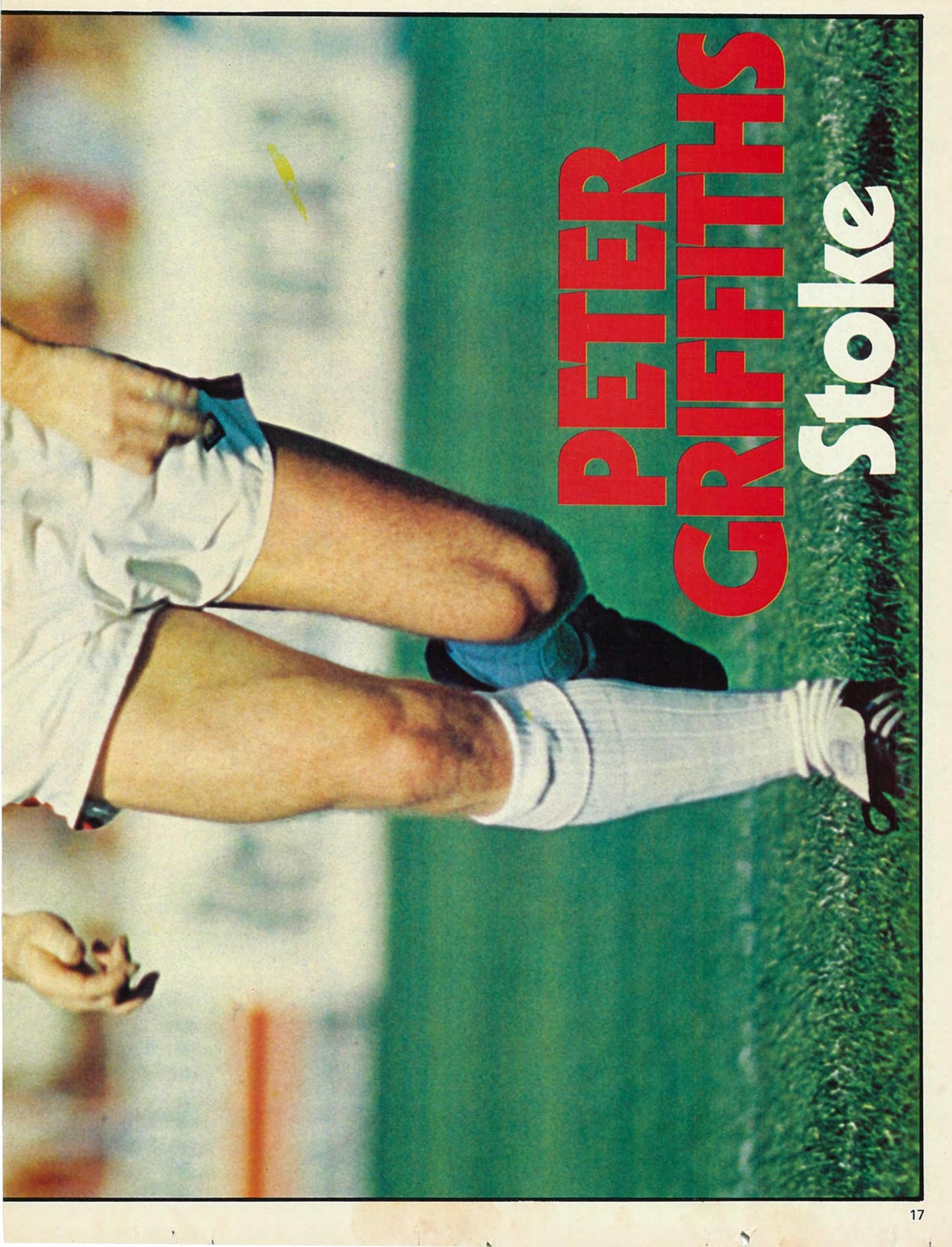


Left: QPR defender Bob Hazell gives Northern Ireland World Cup hero and Watford striker Gerry Armstrong a lift.

Right: Leicester striker Gary Lineker looks as though he's taken one on the chin from Spurs' Welsh international Paul Price.





A dynamic photograph of a person in motion, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and blue shorts, running across a green grassy field. The runner's arms are extended forward, and their legs are in mid-stride. The background is a bright, slightly overexposed sky.

PETER
GRIFFITHS

Stoke

QPR are my tip — Mick McGuire (Norwich City)

QUEEN'S Park Rangers are the classiest team in the division and are my choice to win the Championship this season.

And, if they are promoted, I'm sure their brand of football will enable them to do well in the First Division.

The Second Division is a spoiling-type of league with defences difficult to break down, but Rangers are not frightened to play their football patiently from the back.

I thought they were one of the most impressive sides in the division last season, and were rather unfortunate not to get promoted.

They completed the 'double' over us and they impressed me both at home and away. They have plenty of class players, notably Tony Currie and Simon Stainrod.

To follow Rangers home I'm going for Oldham, who are now managed by my former Norwich team-mate Joe Royle.

They were a very well organised side last season, and, like Rangers, did the 'double' over us.

They were in the promotion race for quite a while last season — but seemed to fall away after the tragic death of their coach Bill Taylor.

But, under Joe, I'm sure they will be a hard side to beat, and I can guarantee he will get the very best out of his players.

He is a widely respected player and at Norwich he took on the role of a father-figure, helping out the younger players with any problems.

His biggest asset is his ability to man-manage. Some managers may know the game inside out, but you have to know how to treat people.

My other choice is Sheffield Wednesday, providing they can sustain last season's form when they just missed out on promotion.

They have the ability in the side to achieve promotion this time unless they suffer a

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WHO'S

WHAT are the chances of relegated Wolves, Leeds and Middlesbrough climbing back into the First Division at the first attempt?

It's been achieved only six times in the past eight seasons and Wolves were one of the teams who made only a fleeting visit to the Second Division.

Three of the stars who made the climb into the top flight give their views on the Second Division promotion race . . .

reaction to last season's disappointment.

I was impressed with them when they defeated us in the last game of the season.

They don't play the same type of football as Rangers, although that is not to say that they wouldn't do well in the First Division.

They like to get the ball to the front men as soon as possible, and young Gary Bannister did an impressive job for them last season.

I believe that the relegated sides, Leeds,

Middlesbrough and Wolves, will find it harder than they expect to get back to Division One.

It took us about three months last season to adapt to the Second Division, where teams don't give you the time or respect to play the football you were accustomed to in the First Division.

I can't see any of them getting back at the first attempt. ,

Norwich skipper Mick McGuire goes for Q.P.R. to lift the Second Division title.



GOING UP? FROM THE SECOND DIVISION

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1 Q.P.R. 2 Oldham, 3 Sheff.
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LES'S TIPS
1 Sheff. Wed., 2 Q.P.R., 3
Barnsley.

JAKE'S TIPS
1 Q.P.R., 2 Leeds, 3 Sheff.
Wed.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday were one of the toughest teams we faced last season and they are my tip to take the Championship this time.

They have a good, strong, experienced team and their fans are worth 20 points a season!

Last term they were always around the promotion area and it was only in the last few games they blew it. They had quite a hard run-in.

I know they've lost striker Terry Curran to rivals United but, while he's an exciting player, I don't think they'll miss him that much.

They've still got Gary Bannister and Andy McCulloch up front and they scored getting on for 30 goals between them last season.

Then, in midfield, they've got Gary Megson, who has had First Division experience with Everton, and he's always likely to pop up with a goal himself.

The signing of Mike Lyons, also from Everton, could make a big difference.

He's sure to strengthen the side at the back and his experience will be invaluable alongside the likes of Mark Smith, who looked impressive last season.

Meanwhile, Queen's Park Rangers must go close.

They've got the added advantage of winning most of their home games because teams visiting Loftus Road have to adapt to the synthetic turf.

It's totally different to play on and I don't think many teams look forward to the trip.

The pitch apart, they have some very good players on their books and

Wednesday's big chance

— Les Taylor (Watford)

they've managed to keep the team together which is important.

I admire their skipper Glenn Roeder as a player. He always seems to cause us problems.

Up front, Clive Allen always scores



Les Taylor — tips Wednesday.

Yorkshire to dominate

— Jake Findlay (Luton)



Jake Findlay — believes Yorkshire teams will dominate the Second Division.

YORKSHIRE teams will dominate the Second Division promotion race next season.

But while relegated Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley should be challenging at the top, I believe beaten FA Cup finalists QPR will take the title.

Rangers just missed out on promotion last term and I felt that along with ourselves and Norwich, they were one of the most skilful teams in the division.

Many people pick out Tony Currie and Simon Stainrod when they talk about the London side, but to me the most important cog in the set-up is skipper Glenn Roeder.

He's dominant in the Rangers back four and has so much influence on the rest of the side. Manager Terry Venables realises his importance and that's why he persuaded Glenn to sign a four-year contract in the summer.

Rangers also have the added advantage of playing all their home games at Loftus Road on their synthetic turf. There's no doubt it gives them an edge because it's entirely different to grass and takes some getting used to.

If the Leeds United players start the season in the right frame of mind, I'm going for them to bounce straight back into the First Division.

They've got the players who can guide them back. It's all down to a question of attitude.

They can't afford to go into the season thinking they shouldn't be in the Second Division. That's where they are, and they've got to roll up their sleeves and work hard to get out.

It's going to be tough for some of their top names who are used to visiting the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of this world. Now they face the prospect of trips to places like Cambridge and Cardiff.

Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday are my third tip for promotion even though they'll be without talented striker Terry Curran.

Following the signing of my friend Gary Shelton from Aston Villa, Wednesday now have one of the strongest midfielders in the Second.

I regard Barnsley as the biggest threat to my trio of promotion hopefuls, although I believe they'll have to wait for another year before they finally step up a grade.

I can't see many teams beating the aggressive Yorkshire team and, in young Ian Banks, they've got one of the best midfield players in the Second Division.

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Roberto Falcao — worth four times the value of Diego Maradona to Italian club Roma.

FALCAO WORTH A FORTUNE

ROBERTO Falcao, the brilliant Brazilian midfield star, is a hot target for all his country's top clubs.

While putting on impressive performances during the World Cup finals, he was frequently approached by clubs wanting to lure him away from Italian side Roma.

But Roma's president responded

immediately by putting an enormous price tag on his head.

In his words: "Falcao was worth four times the value of Diego Maradona."

Falcao's outstanding show in Spain also earned him the praise of Roma manager Nils Leidholm.

He contacted him in Brazil after they had been eliminated by Italy to offer his congratulations and commiserations.



Bergomi gets his marching orders!

GIUSEPPE Bergomi, at 18 the youngest player in Italy's World Cup winning side, was absent when his club side, Inter-Milan, reported for pre-season training.

Instead, the young defender, who policed West Germany skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge in the Final, was called up for military service.

So it means he has been given little chance to bask in the glory of being a teenage World Cup winner.

In the meantime, four of his team-mates were voted among the best five players in the World Cup Finals by Spanish daily soccer paper, Marca.

The four Italian players were Giancarlo Antognoni, Bruno Conti, Marco Tardelli and Antonio Cabrini.

The one outsider in the top five was French midfield player Jean Tigana.

Just outside the top five were two other Frenchmen, Alain Giresse and Marius Tresor, along with Italy captain Dino Zoff.

JOSE QUILTS

JOSE Santamaria has quit as manager of Spain in the wake of his team's poor performances in the World Cup Finals.

He tendered his resignation after the goalless draw with England in the second round.

His replacement is 60-year-old Miguel Munoz, a former Real Madrid player.

But Brazil manager Tele Santana has kept his job until the end of the year at least.

He was expected to get the sack after Brazil's exit at the hands of Italy in the second round of the World Cup Finals, but he is remaining in charge of

team selection until the end of his contract in December.

He has reached an agreement with the President of the Brazilian FA, Snr Coutinho, who has expressed confidence in Santana.

HOLLAND Winger Tseu La Ling, who played in their 2-0 defeat by England at Wembley in May, has surprisingly quit Dutch champions Ajax.

He has left Holland for Greece, where he is expected to sign a three-year contract with the Athens-based side Panathinaikos.



It's Fun Time

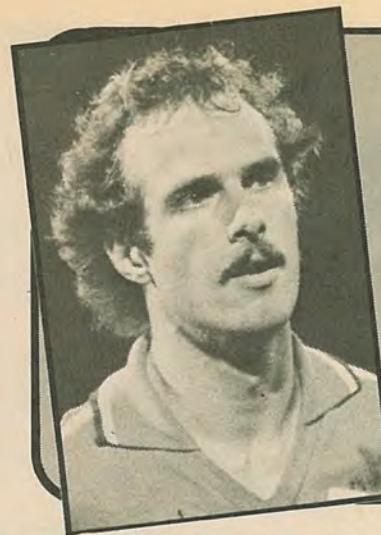


MORE players could be heading for an early bath this season if referees adhere to a new 'get-tough' policy aimed at eliminating the professional or cynical foul.

Referees are being urged to send off offenders guilty of such tactics aimed at preventing a goalscoring chance.

Willie Young wasn't the first offender and he won't be the last, but remember his tackle in the FA Cup final when he tripped Paul Allen from behind as the West Ham youngster bore down on the Arsenal goal? Well, that's the kind of practice referees are aiming to stamp out.

But a 'Match Weekly' survey among top First Division defenders reveals that they will risk the consequences if it means preventing a goal. The majority were united in their sentiments . . .



It will

IT'S bound to affect all defenders and even some forwards when chasing back to challenge.

But it's a step in the right direction if it means this kind of thing is going to be stamped out.

Left: Paul Dyson — "You might see players adopting different tactics. They may attempt to make the professional foul less obvious."

WE'RE PAID

Four could be off — each game!

— JOHN GIDMAN
(Manchester Utd)

IF taken to its logical conclusion, matches could end up with just nine men on each side. There are probably, on average, around four professional fouls in a match, so a lot of players could be suspended this season if referees stick to the letter of the law.

Players will have to watch their step, but I don't think it will lead to them stepping aside if the crunch comes.

Defenders are paid to keep a clean sheet by all fair means as possible, but if a player is clear and in a position to score, then a defender is expected to bring him down.

This has been an accepted part of football for years, so why change now?

Bookings for deliberate handball were introduced two seasons ago, but that has gradually eased.

If you are on the goal-line with the goalkeeper beaten and the ball out of heading reach, then your natural instinct is to handle it to stop a goal.

I suppose you would get a roasting from the manager if you didn't stop the goal, and probably another one if you got sent off for doing it!

Too many rules and regulations are being tampered with, and it's about time the people involved — they haven't played for twenty or so years — realised that.

Remember, there was a day when you could shoulder-charge a goalkeeper . . .

Right: John Gidman — "Too many rules and regulations are being tampered with."



THE new 'get-tough' policy by referees won't affect my attitude and approach towards the game.

And I don't think it will make any difference to any of the other First Division defenders.

If their instincts tell them to commit a professional or cynical foul in a bid to prevent a goal, then they will do it whatever the consequences.

The professional foul is far more prevalent on the Continent than in England or Scotland.

I have never been one to resort to such tactics because

affect all of us . . .

— PAUL DYSON (Coventry)

We saw a lot of professional fouls in the World Cup Finals and there is no question that it spoils the entertainment value for the fans.

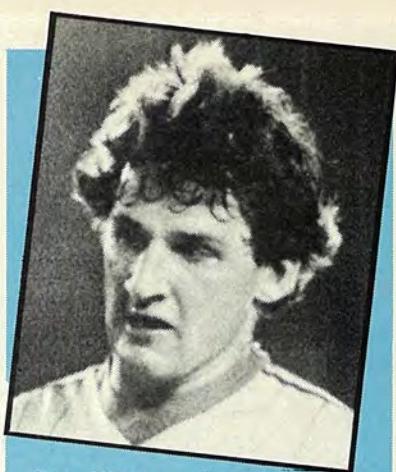
The pressure will be on defenders not to commit themselves when caught in one-to-one situations.

I was never caught in that situation last season. If a player went past me, I had no chance to stop him.

Professional fouls don't happen that much in League matches, but they are more common at international level.

You might see players introducing different tactics to stop forwards.

They may attempt to make professional-type fouls not quite so obvious to the referee in the hope of getting away with it. ,



Dave Watson — "Players will continue to stop forwards at all costs."



West Ham youngster Paul Allen flies through the air after that infamous tackle by Willie Young in the FA Cup Final of 1980. It's the kind of offence that referees are being urged to stamp on this season.

I won't change . . .

— ALLAN EVANS (Aston Villa)

I would hope that I am never caught in that kind of position.

But if players feel it is necessary to trip a player who is in a scoring position, then they will do it regardless of the consequences.

The difficulty for a referee is distinguishing between a professional foul and a late challenge, but it is a policy being laid down by the referees and the players can't do anything about it.

My instincts tell me how

and when to stop a player, and I shall not be altering my game to take any new policy into consideration. ,

Right: Allan Evans — "I don't think it will make any difference."



IT will make the game a lot harder for defenders if the law is strictly adhered to

But it won't change my game. You can't alter overnight the way you play.

If a player is sent off a couple of times for a professional foul, then he will obviously think twice about doing it again.

Players will continue to stop forwards at all cost and hope that the referee will treat it as a late offence rather than a professional foul.

Professional fouls are not so commonplace here as on the Continent, but a defender is there to prevent goals. ,

Focus on Everton's leading goalscorer last season ...

Graeme Sharp

FULL NAME: Graeme Marshall Sharp.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow/October 16, 1960.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 11ins./12st. 7lbs.

MARRIED: No.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dumbarton.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None — I joined Dumbarton straight from school.

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Sharp'.

WORST EVER INJURY: Cracked cheekbone, 1980.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle (Spurs). He's got all-round ability.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Spurs.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Zico (Brazil). He's got so much skill.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks (Eng.), McGrain (Scot.), Moore (Eng.), O'Leary (Irel.), McCreadie, Bremner (both Scot.), Giles (Irel.), E. Gray (Scot.), Best (N. Ire.), Dalglish, Law (Scot.).

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side: Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jarizinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Tokyo.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Spurs last season.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Tony Morley (Aston Villa) in last season's European Cup game against Dynamo Kiev. Great solo goal — he raced over half the pitch to score.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: David O'Leary (Arsenal).

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Scotland Under-21s against England.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Everton.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not breaking into the Everton first team earlier.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis and snooker.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Music and golf.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, long journeys and smoking.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Different Strokes'.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm, Crossroads.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Sylvester Stallone/Angie Dickinson.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: *Midnight Express*.

BEST FRIEND: My fiancee, Ann Marie.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and Colin Harvey (coach at Everton).

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Negative tactics.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scotland Under-21 cap.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful at Everton and in life.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland at full international level.

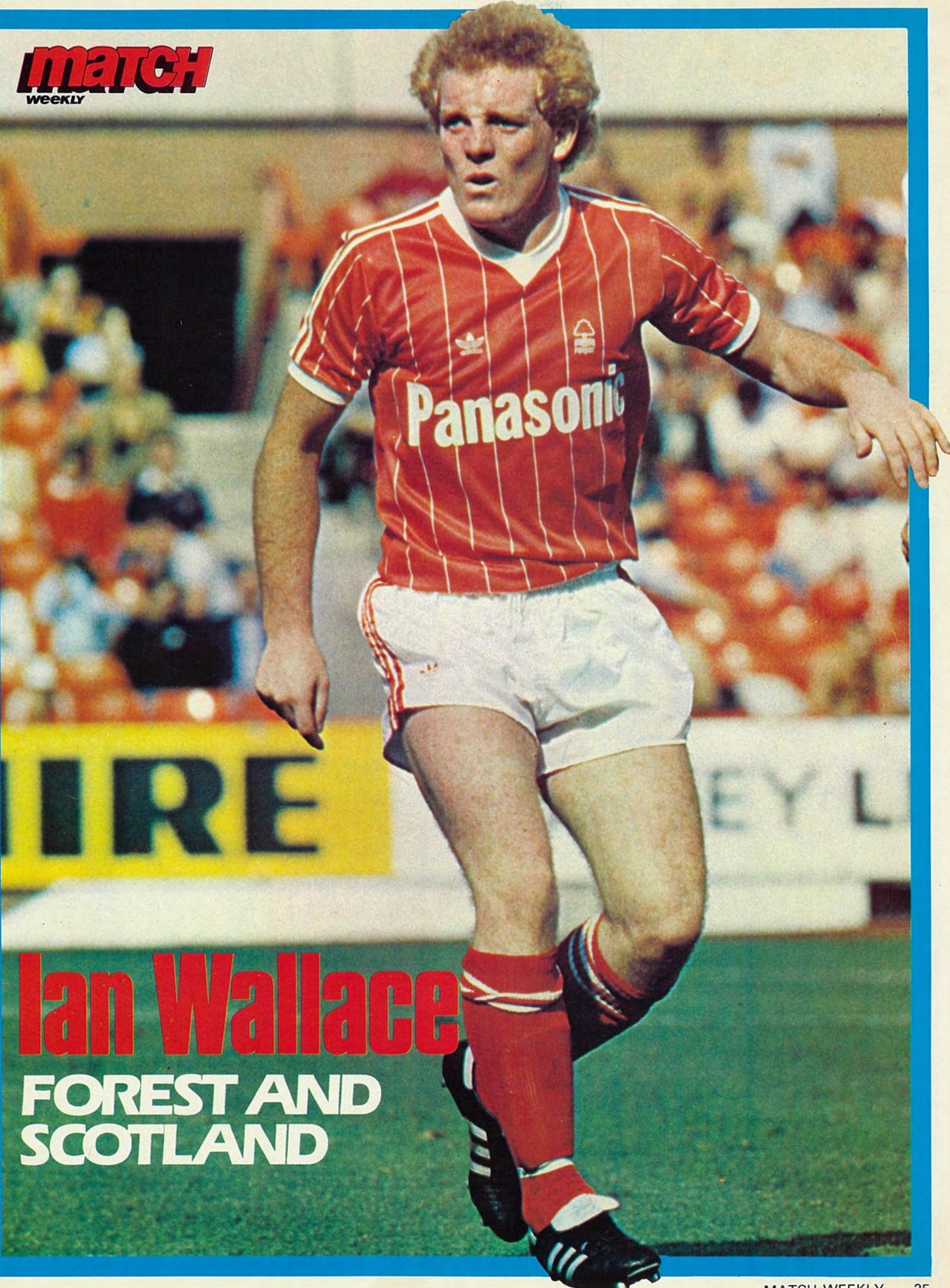
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Sports journalism.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Chris Whyte (Arsenal).

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pele.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and listen to all advice.





Ian Wallace

FOREST AND SCOTLAND

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ENGLAND — 1986

NOW that the 1982 World Cup is over I have been looking into my crystal ball and have selected my 22 players to lead England's challenge in Colombia in four years' time. Here is my squad:

Lukic (Leeds), Bailey (Man. United), Sealey (Coventry), Foster (Brighton), Butcher (Ipswich), Martin (West Ham), Caton (Man. City), Thomas (Coventry), Hoddle (Tottenham), Lee (Liverpool), Devonshire (West Ham), Heath (Everton), Hazard (Tottenham), Rix (Arsenal), Moran (Southampton), Hateley (Coventry), Crooks (Tottenham), Regis (West Brom), Barnes (Leeds), Shaw (Aston Villa), Connor (Leeds), Davenport (Forest), Hugh Cardiff, Dundrum, Dublin.

Peter-Boro

I'M sure this team of 'Peters' would be a winner.

Shilton (Nott'm Forest), Nicholson (Bolton), Shirtliff (Sheff. Wed.), Nicholas (Arsenal), Daniel (Wolves), Mendham (Norwich), Bodak (Man. United), Eastoe (West Brom), Withe (Aston Villa), Rhoades-Brown (Chelsea), Barnes (Leeds).

Stephen Evison, Grimsby.

OUTRAGED about something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it.

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Just to soften the blow we'll pay £5 to the person who gets his marching orders and £2 to those whose names are taken.

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Lyon's share

I AM outraged that Everton stalwart Mick Lyons has been allowed to leave Goodison and has moved on to Sheffield Wednesday.

Everton, under manager Howard Kendall, appear to be on the threshold of great things after years in the doldrums.

Mick, who has been a dedicated servant to Everton over the years, should have been allowed to take part in the forthcoming successes.

Andrew Morcombe, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

• WHAT makes you think Everton are about to be successful? Lyons stands more chance of winning something at Hillsborough than he did at Goodison. You're booked.

TERRACE TALK

Hammers for the title!



Trevor Brooking — still taking on the best at 33, says Jeremy Armon.

DESPITE major injuries to three key players, West Ham came through with flying colours last season to finish ninth in the First Division.

They they have good players in every department. Up front, Paul Goddard always plays well and sets up goals as well as scoring them.

In midfield, Trevor Brooking is still taking on the best at the age of 33 and Alan Devonshire is

always around to lend a helping hand.

Ray Stewart and Billy Bonds provide a firm foundation to the defence and Alvin Martin deserves to be England's permanent number five.

Neil Orr and Francois Van Der Elst have now settled in, and next season will show the world how good they are on top form.

The latest signing, Airdrie striker Sandy Clark, is capable of

scoring goals anywhere and Phil Parkes proves week in, week out, that he is one of the country's top goalkeepers.

Unsung heroes, Geoff Pike and Paul Allen, are great assets to the side and with other good players on the sidelines like Everal La Ronde, West Ham must be in with a chance of the Championship this season. Jeremy Armon, Ulverston, Cumbria.

OUTRAGED! Lucky Spurs



I AM outraged that Tottenham have been drawn against Coleraine in the First Round of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

It's the kind of lucky draw that has enabled Tottenham to be so successful in recent seasons.

When people talk about Tottenham, they always say how brilliant they are. Perhaps now people will realise just how lucky they are.
David Moore, London

• DO I detect a smack of jealousy here? Luck does play a part, but it's by no means a major factor in the success of a side that can win the FA Cup two years on the trot. You're sent off.

ATHLETIC'S PROWESS . . .

I AM outraged that Match Weekly gives little mention to the non-League clubs.

These teams don't play negative football. They just attack like mad until the final whistle.

And it's cheaper to watch non-League soccer. You can watch Carshalton Athletic reserves for 30p... and the first team matches cost only 50p!

Michael O'Reilly, (12), Carshalton, Surrey.
• IT'S good that you support your local side. But you can't draw comparisons between Carshalton reserves and League football. You're booked... here's £2... and now you can watch Carshalton reserves for most of next season!

Knock down the 'wall'

I WAS interested to read that referees are being given instructions to clamp down on cheating, especially the professional foul.

But I would urge that, as in the case of a throw-in, players should not be offside from a free-kick.

This would stop the annoying tactics of the 'defensive wall' which provokes ill feeling on the pitch.

It would also encourage quick free-kicks, enabling teams to exploit opportunities after being rewarded for their opponent's foul play.

Of all the changes, I reckon this one would have the most influence on the game and improve football for all concerned.

Alec Whitten, London.

World elevens

HERE are some of your World elevens — chosen from players in the World Cup Finals.

Shilton (England), Briegel (W. Germany), Sansom (England), Passarella (Argentina), Costly (Honduras), Conti (Italy), Falcao (Brazil), Zico (Brazil), Armstrong (N. Ireland), Rocheteau (France), Rummennigge (W. Germany). S. Simpson, Brickhill, Bedford.

Shilton (England), Scirea (Italy), Costly (Honduras), Thompson (England), Briegel (W. Germany), Robson (England), Platini (France), Falcao (Brazil), Rummennigge (W. Germany), Zico (Brazil), Rossi (Italy). John Lewis, Hayes, Middlesex.

Below: Phil Thompson — he's in the World XI selected by John Lewis.



Incredible Gerry

I AM looking forward to Gerry Armstrong's return to First Division football this season.

It's quite amazing to think that last year he was on the substitute's bench for much of the time as Watford clinched promotion from the Second Division.

But his form in the World Cup Finals for Northern Ireland was incredible. He looked like one of Europe's top strikers!

It should be quite a clash when Watford take on Tottenham, the team that let Gerry go to Watford, if, of course, Armstrong gets a regular first team place in the Watford line-up!

Martin Jamieson, Coleraine, N. Ireland.

TOP TEN

HERE'S a football 'Top Ten' from an Irish reader.

- 1 Abracadabra — Glenn Hoddle.
- 2 I Will Survive — Wolves
- 3 I Won't Let You Down — Bobby Robson.
- 4 Let's Get Physical — Graham Roberts.
- 5 Daddy's Home — Kevin Bond.
- 6 Coming Up — Watford, Norwich and Luton.
- 7 Happy Talk — Brian Clough.
- 8 Fame — Norman Whiteside.
- 9 I Go To Sleep — World Cup refs.
- 10 We Don't Talk Anymore — Allan Clarke and Leeds.

Simon Doyle, County Cork, Eire.

Hull reader Colin Wright has selected Nottingham Forest midfield player Stuart Gray for his study: "He's so cool and sets a good example for other young players," says Colin.

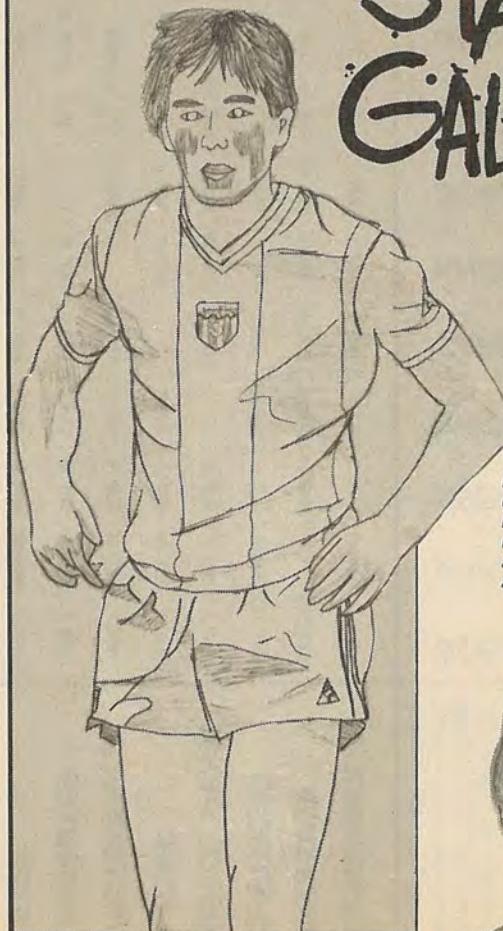


"Birmingham's Tony Evans is one of the main reasons why the club stayed in the First Division," says Matthew Lancaster, of Solihull.



STAR GALLERY

Sunderland's Scottish star Ally McCoist is the choice of 17-year-old Martin Anderson, of East Herrington, Sunderland: "I have high hopes of him this season," he says.



Thirteen-year-old Kathy Doherty, of Birmingham, has drawn young Wolves full-back Mike Hollifield. She says: "He made a superb debut for Wolves at White Hart Lane and deserves a regular first team place."



Division 3

fixtures

HOW to use your 'Match' guide: Read across for home matches and down for away. For example: Wigan are at home to Oxford on December 18 and away to Oxford on April 23. And we've left a space below each date so that you can fill in the results.

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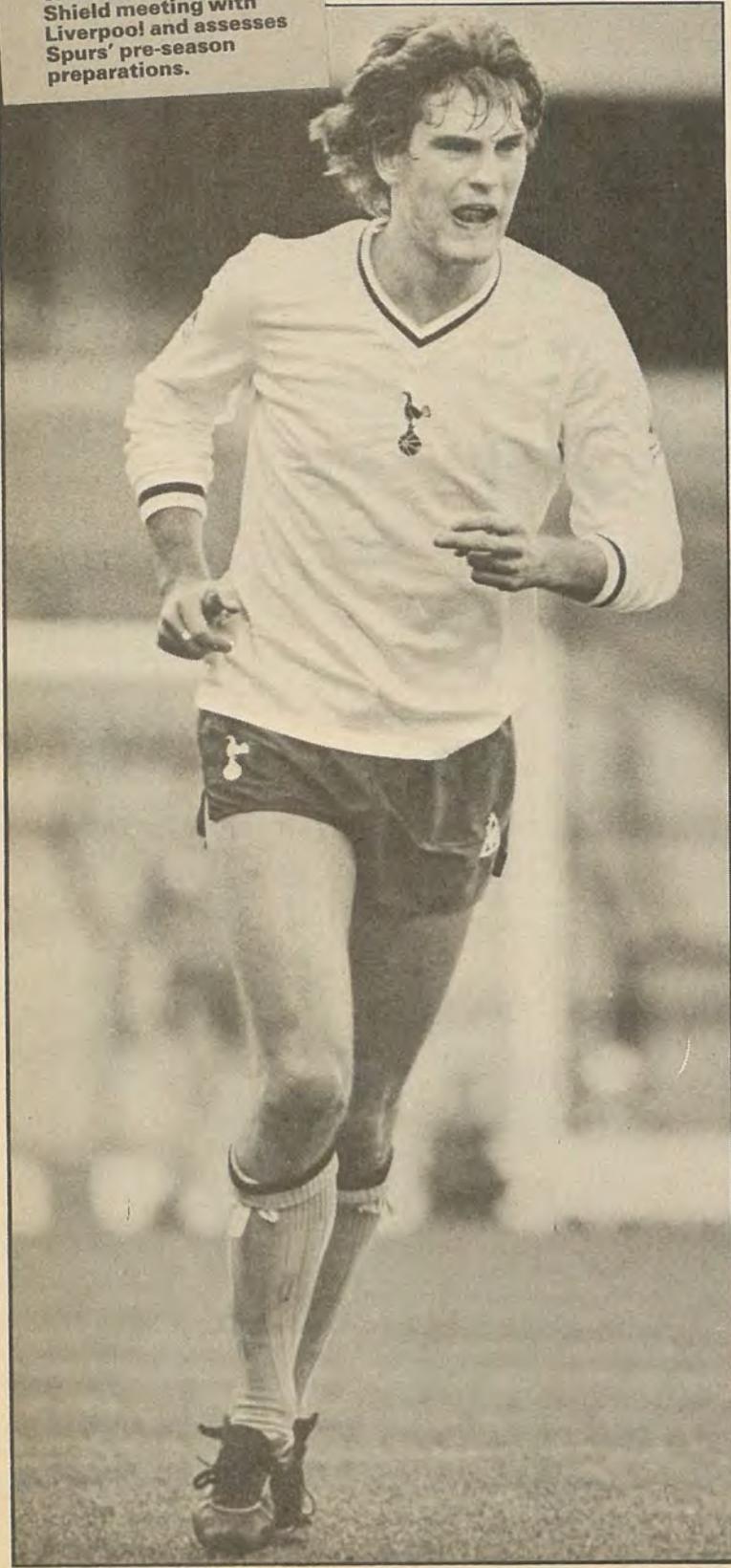
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THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

Tottenham's midfield maestro looks ahead to his club's Charity Shield meeting with Liverpool and assesses Spurs' pre-season preparations.

A TEST OF OUR METTLE



SPURS' Charity Shield date with Liverpool at Wembley next week is just the sort of test we need before the start of our First Division campaign.

As well as missing Argentines Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles, it's possible that skipper Steve Perryman won't make the starting line-up. That means the strength of our squad will be tested to the full.

The match against the League Champions will give us some idea how we'll fare this season and what to expect from the younger players in the squad.

Some new faces were introduced to the Tottenham team at the back end of last season but this will be their first real taste of the big match atmosphere.

One player who could play his first major game for us is our recent signing from Third Division Bristol Rovers, Gary Mabbutt.

Obviously it's going to take Gary a little while to settle in with his new team-mates, but I must admit I've been very impressed with him.

He's confident and very comfortable on the ball. One of the most important things for us is that Gary is so versatile. He's happy to play in most positions.

Graham Roberts was our utility man last season, but the arrival of Gary at White Hart Lane gives us another option and another string to our bow.

Obviously it's going to be a big day for the young lad if he gets a chance to play against Liverpool in the Charity Shield.

Playing at Wembley is a tremendous way to start a season. It would be a great boost to us all if we could actually lift the Shield. We meet Liverpool in a repeat of the League Cup Final of last season, so we know what a tough task we face against Bob Paisley's men. They're not the easiest of teams to beat . . . as we know to our cost!

But we can have no complaints about our preparation for the Wembley showpiece. Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw made sure that we had a tough run-up to the game.

We started off with a friendly against Scunthorpe — where our goalkeeper Ray Clemence started his career — and followed it up with a trip to Switzerland, a game against Glasgow Rangers and a four-team tournament in Holland.

The competition in Amsterdam looked likely to be our toughest test because we came face to face with such teams as former European Cup winners Ajax, AZ67 and Tony Woodcock's old team, Cologne.

Although I don't read too much

into the results of our pre-season friendlies, I believe they are very important.

They help to regain some of that old match fitness and get you back into the swing of competitive matches once more.

This season that hasn't been very important to the likes of myself and Ray Clemence because we were involved in the World Cup with England, but there were some players at White Hart Lane who hadn't kicked a ball for seven or eight weeks.

It's ironic really, that last season we didn't lose any of our warm-up games and yet we struggled to get off to a good start. The season before, the opposite happened.

Now we're back in full swing I'm raring to go, although I expect my appetite for the game will be tested to the full in about three months time when the pitches start to get heavier.

I managed to snatch only three weeks' break during the close season. I spent a few days in Jersey on a golfing holiday and then jetted off with my wife for a week in Southern Italy.

The big news on the domestic football scene has been the transfer of my England team-mate Trevor Francis to newly promoted Italian side Sampdoria.

Reading between the lines, the decision to leave the club was made by Manchester City rather than the player himself.

But he's made sure of a secure future for his wife and family and I wish him all the best. I'm sure he'll do very well out there.

There have been fears that the loss of players like Trevor could degrade the First Division. Obviously we'll miss him, but the system also works the other way.

This season we'll have the pleasure of watching the silky skills of Yugoslav skipper Vladimir Petrovic, who will be playing for Arsenal.

Arsenal are my dark horses for the title. That view has been strengthened with the news that my friend Graham Rix has signed a new contract with the club.

It's really bad news for me. I spent the summer persuading him to move across North London and join us at Tottenham!

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Lured by the Roker roar

Ian Atkins — "If I don't take my chance with Sunderland, I shall only have myself to blame."

NEW First Division striker Ian Atkins is hoping to repay the manager who gave him his first break in League football.

Sunderland manager Alan Durban provided 25-year-old Ian with his first taste of League football when in charge of Shrewsbury.

Now, some eight years later, he has answered Ian's prayers and given him a chance to make a name for himself in the First Division.

"I was an apprentice at Shrewsbury when Mr Durban was manager and I actually played with him several times in the first team," recalls Ian, who was exchanged for Sunderland's reserve striker Alan Brown.

"He must have charted my progress over the years, and my goalscoring record last season must have persuaded him to make a move for me.

"It would be great to repay his confidence in me by scoring regularly this season and helping Sunderland to establish themselves in the First Division.

"I am quietly confident of doing well although I'm not saying too much because a lot of other players have failed to live up to their promises.

"But I have been given a great opportunity to show what I can do in the top flight. If I don't take the chance, then I shall only have myself to blame."

Birmingham-born Ian, who scored 17 of Shrewsbury's 37 Second Division goals last season, has spent the last two years wondering whether his First Division ambitions would ever be realised.

His name was linked with Stoke City on more than one occasion.

"I had talks with them earlier this summer, but the clubs couldn't agree a fee and it looked as though it might go to a tribunal," says Ian, whose contract with the Second Division club expired at the end of last month.

"I had the chance to go to America, but I felt that my goalscoring record last season might attract a top club in England.

"It has always been my ambition to play in the First Division, and I didn't fancy a permanent move to America, which would have virtually ended my hopes."

It was while on holiday in

Majorca that Ian was informed of Sunderland's interest.

"Mr Durban telephoned me at the hotel and we actually talked terms over the phone," explains Ian, a midfield player turned striker with more than 270 League appearances to his credit for Shrewsbury.

"He told me that Shrewsbury were happy with the exchange idea and so, on my return, I went straight to Sunderland to sort out the details.

"It's a tremendous place with plenty of tradition and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

After the rather sedate market-town image of Shrewsbury with average crowds of only 4,000, Ian will find it strange coping with the famous 'Roker Roar' and the Wearside fanaticism.

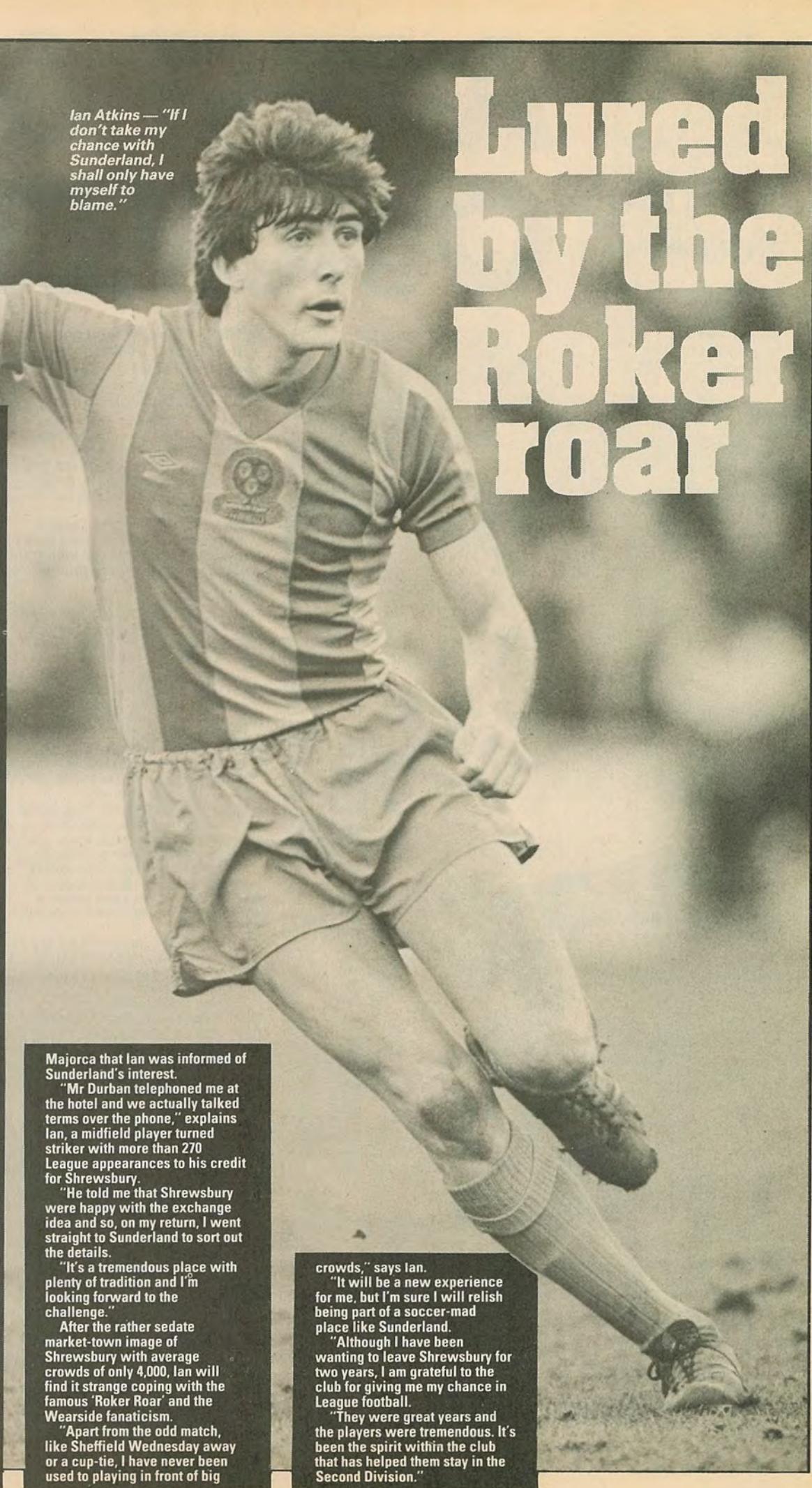
"Apart from the odd match, like Sheffield Wednesday away or a cup-tie, I have never been used to playing in front of big

crowds," says Ian.

"It will be a new experience for me, but I'm sure I will relish being part of a soccer-mad place like Sunderland.

"Although I have been wanting to leave Shrewsbury for two years, I am grateful to the club for giving me my chance in League football.

"They were great years and the players were tremendous. It's been the spirit within the club that has helped them stay in the Second Division."



RUSH TRANSFER HAS CRAIG IN A FLUSTER

DEFENDER Craig Paterson has talked of his £200,000 whirlwind transfer which catapulted him into the big-time with Glasgow giants Rangers.

The 22-year-old didn't have any time to worry about the dream move from Hibernian because, less than a day after signing, he was flying to France with his new team-mates to take part in a four-club tournament.

"I only heard about the move on Sunday evening. The next morning, at 9am, I had to report at the airport to go to France.

"Everything was frantic to say the least. I didn't pack enough clothes and had to borrow some from team-mate John McClelland," said Craig, who was rated as one of the Scottish Premier Division's best defenders last season.

The newcomer became an instant hit with Rangers as it was his penalty against French club St Etienne which saw Rangers into the final of the competition.

And in the next game against Belgians Lokeren, he scored Rangers' consolation goal in a 2-1 defeat.

"Even though we eventually lost the tournament, it was a great boost to my confidence to get off to a good start and score a couple of goals.

"I played in the centre of defence alongside John McClelland and was very pleased with the way we got on together," said Craig.

"In many ways, going on a tour so quickly after the transfer was completed was a good thing. It gave me an early chance to meet my team-mates and I didn't have time to worry about the move."

Craig had come to the end of his contract at Hibernian and decided not to sign a new one at Easter Road. He explained: "I wanted to improve my standard

of football.

"I had eight happy years with the Edinburgh club, but I'm ambitious and want to win things. I couldn't see myself doing that with Hibs.

"You can't get a bigger club than Rangers so I'm absolutely delighted with the way things have worked for me. The prospect of playing for the club really excites me.

"The first real difference I noticed between Rangers and Hibernian was the support. When we travelled to France, nearly 400 supporters made the trip. If Hibernian had gone, we'd have been lucky to have taken 30 fans.

"The facilities at Rangers are first class. Ibrox is a fabulous place to play football. It's so different from Easter Road.

"Now I've got to try and establish myself in the Rangers side and then I hope I can help the club win something this season."

Craig also hopes that his big-money move to Rangers will open the way for full Scottish international honours.

"Being with a big club gives me a better chance of being recognised. Now it's up to me to prove to people that I'm worth a chance."



Above: Rangers' signing Craig Paterson . . . was an instant success for his new club on their pre-season trip to France.

SENT PACKING!

WINNERS

THE ten lucky winners of a football in our July 17 competition are:
Karen Cunningham, 28 Wellfield Road, Walton, Liverpool; Antony Mutch, 51 Pendennis House, Pepys Estate, Deptford, London; Michael Raynes, 23 Leadon Road, Malvern, Worcs; David Butler, 16 Blenhein Drive, Hamstead, Great Barr, Birmingham; Philip Matthews, 45 Rectory Road, Farnborough, Hants; Peter Shaw, 66 Marshall Street, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands; Satinder Parmar, 110 Chaucer Way, Hitchin, Herts; Matthew Vail, 3a Hereward Street, March, Cambs; Jason Smith, 9 East Crescent, Weldon, Northants; Gary Jardine, 251 Silver Lonnen, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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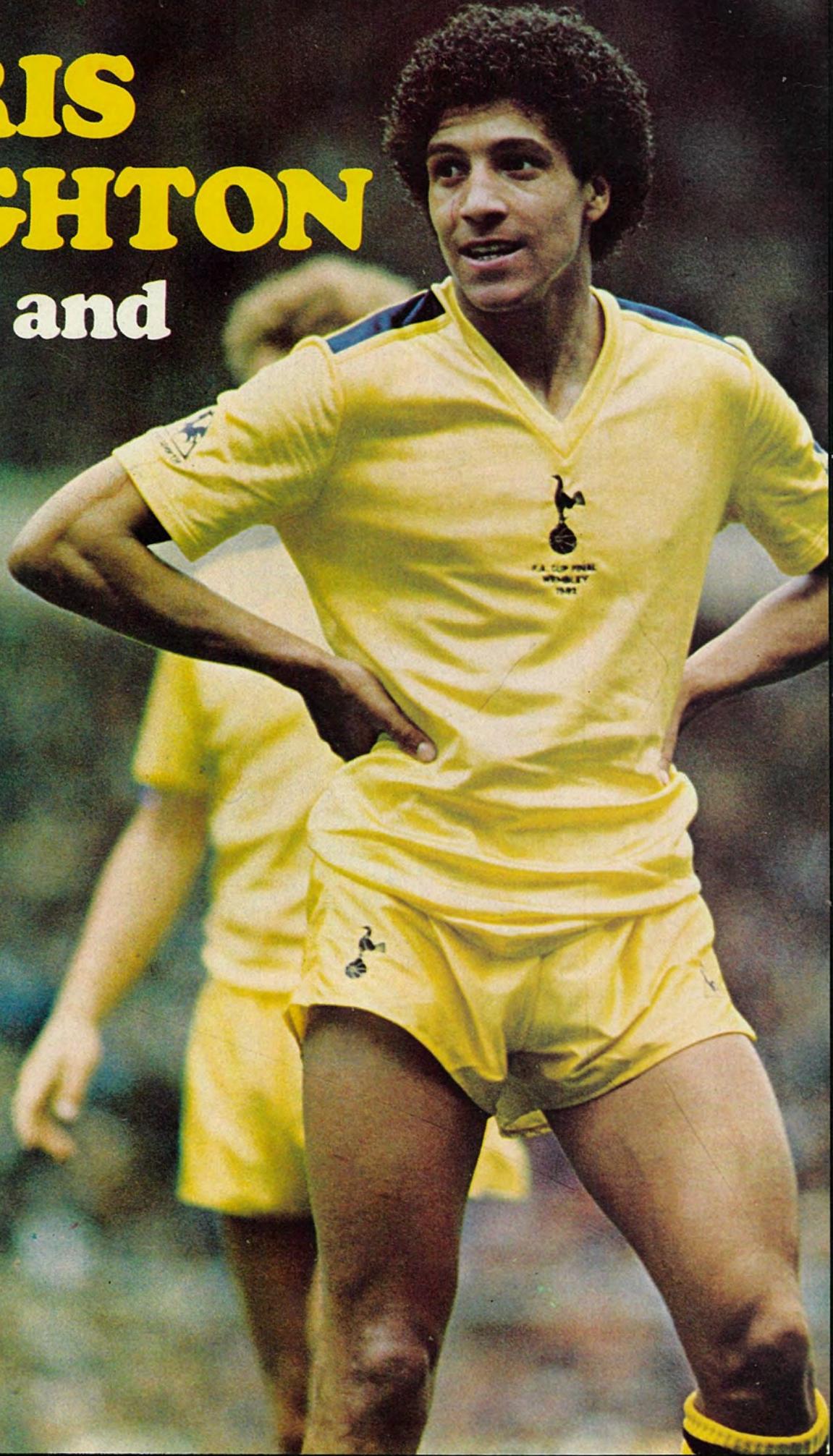
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